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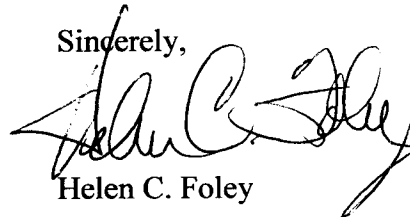
I am writing because I am extremely concerned about SCE&G's incredible avarice in requesting another rate hike on top of everything else they've asked for and received.

This past winter I had three bills over \$120. I'm 64 and have lived in three bedroom houses, and have never had a bill for \$100! I live alone on the second floor of a two bedroom apartment with double-pane windows. I kept my natural gas thermostat at 64 and wore extra clothes and a coat sitting in my apartment. I had to get a part-time job to pay these bills since I am retired living on social security and a small annuity. I'm at the poverty level financially, and yet I know I'm better off than many.

I left South Carolina in 1984 to get a Master's degree and then lived in other states during my career. I returned to the state in 1999 and have been shocked at how much this state has changed. If I were thinking of retiring to South Carolina, I would change my mind. For what we get, most other states and the other utility companies around Columbia charge considerably less. Why should everyone who is struggling pay SCE&G more so they can reward their investors???

My biggest question is why is an electric utility, which is essential for life, be allowed to be private and have investors? Is South Carolina so much more concerned for business than it is for people? When will this craziness end?

Sincerely,



Helen C. Foley

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